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10. Preparation according to Claim 9, wherein said NO-synthase inhibitor or salts thereof further comprises L^G-Nitro-L-arginine methyl ester hydrochloride.

Please substituted claims 19-21 with amended claims 19-21:

19. A method for the prophylaxis and treatment of rosacea and couperose which comprises applying to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of an NO-synthase inhibitor or salt thereof which is selected from the group consisting of N^G-monoethyl-L-arginine monoacetate, 2-Iminobiotin, L-N⁵-(1-iminoethyl)-ornithine, S-Methylisothiurea sulphate, S-Methyl-L-thiocitrulline, L-N^G-(1-iminoethyl)lysine, 7-Nitroindazole, S,S'-1,3-Phenylene-bis(1,2-ethanediyl)-bis-isothiurea, L-Thiocitrulline, alpha-N-acetyl-N^G-nitro-L-arginine methyl ester and salts thereof.
20. The method of claim 19, wherein said NO-synthase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of 2-Iminobiotin, L-N⁵-(1-iminoethyl)-ornithine, S-Methylisothiurea sulphate, S-Methyl-L-thiocitrulline, L-N^G-(1-iminoethyl)lysine, 7-Nitroindazole, S,S'-1,3-Phenylene-bis(1,2-ethanediyl)-bis-isothiurea, L-Thiocitrulline, and salts thereof.
21. The method of claim 20, wherein said NO-synthase inhibitor or salt thereof further comprises L^G-Nitro-L-arginine methyl ester hydrochloride.

Please substitute claims 26 and 27 with amended claims 26 and 27:

26. The preparation of claim 25, wherein the amount of NO-synthase inhibitor is from 0.01% to 10% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.
27. The preparation of claim 26, wherein the amount of NO-synthase inhibitor is from 0.1% to 5% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.